Presentment Date: October 24, 2017

**Objection Deadline**: October 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. (AST)

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO.

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

Debtor.

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

Re: ECF No. 1065-1

(Jointly Administered)

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

This Notice relates only to the Commonwealth and shall only be filed in the lead Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

# NOTICE OF PRESENTMENT OF STIPULATION MODIFYING THE AUTOMATIC STAY BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO AND YOLANDA CANO-ANGELES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE on August 17, 2017, the Court entered the Order Amending

Case Management Procedures (the "Case Management Order"), which revised the Notice, Case

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The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747). (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

Management and Administrative Procedures to implement a protocol (the "Lift Stay Protocol") for filing motions for relief from the automatic stay (the "Title III Stay") set forth in Bankruptcy Code sections 362(a) and 922(a), made applicable Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's (the "Commonwealth") Title III case by section 301(a) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act ("PROMESA") [ECF No. 1065].

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, under the Lift Stay Protocol, a movant is required to send notice (the "Lift Stay Notice") to counsel to the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board") and the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("AAFAF") to (a) advise them of movant's intent to seek relief from the Title III Stay at least fifteen (15) business days prior to filing a motion seeking such relief (the "Lift Stay Notice Period") and (b) meet and confer with the Oversight Board and AAFAF during the Lift Stay Notice Period.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on August 30, 2017, the Commonwealth received a Lift Stay Notice from Yolanda Cano-Ángeles (the "Movant") seeking relief from the Title III Stay to allow the prepetition action captioned Cano-Angeles et al. v. Department of Education of Puerto Rico, Civil Case No. 16-1638 (BJM) (D.P.R) (the "Prepetition Action") to proceed in the state court (the "Prepetition Court").

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that during the Lift Stay Notice Period, the Commonwealth and the Movant resolved Movant's request for relief from the Title III Stay by agreeing to a partial modification of the Title III Stay in accordance with the terms of the *Stipulation Modifying the Automatic Stay Between the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Yolanda Cano-Ángeles*, attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> (the "Stipulation").

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, under the Stipulation, the Commonwealth and Movant have agreed to modify the Title III Stay to allow the Prepetition Action to proceed pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Commonwealth and the Oversight Board do not agree with the assertions contained in the Lift Stay Notice, and the Stipulation does not constitute a waiver of any argument with respect thereto to the extent raised by Movant or any other party in any subsequent proceeding in this Title III case or otherwise.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Commonwealth will present the Stipulation to the Honorable Laura Taylor Swain, United States District Judge, sitting in the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, 150 Carlos Chardón Street, Federal Building, Office 150, San Juan, P.R. 00918-1767 for signature on **October 24, 2017**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that unless a written objection to the Stipulation is filed with the Court no later than 5:00 p.m. (AST) on October 23, 2017, no hearing will be held and the Stipulation may be approved.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Stipulation and all documents filed in these title IIIavailable cases are (a) free of charge visiting https://cases.primeclerk.com/puertorico or by calling +1 (844) 822-9231, and (b) on the Court's website at http://www.prd.uscourts.gov, subject to the procedures and fees set forth therein.

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The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board"), as the Debtors' representative pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), has authorized the Department of Justice to file this Notice on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Dated: October 17, 2017. San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

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## Exhibit A

Stipulation

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# STIPULATION MODIFYING THE AUTOMATIC STAY BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO AND YOLANDA CANO-ANGELES

This stipulation (the "Stipulation") is made as of October 17, 2017, by and between the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth") and FHC, a minor, and parents Yolanda

The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747). (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

Cano- Ángeles and Genaro Herrera Dos Reis (collectively, "Movants").<sup>2</sup>

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2017, the Commonwealth, by and through the Oversight Board, as the Commonwealth's representative pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), filed a petition with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the "<u>District Court</u>") under title III of PROMESA (the "Title III Case");

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2017, the District Court entered the *Order Amending Case Management Procedures* (the "Case Management Order"), which revised the *Notice, Case Management and Administrative Procedures* to implement a protocol (the "Lift Stay Protocol") for filing motions for relief from the automatic stay set forth in Bankruptcy Code sections 362(a) and 922(a), made applicable to the Title III Case by PROMESA section 301(a) (the "Title III Stay") [ECF No. 1065];

WHEREAS, under the Lift Stay Protocol, Movants are required to (a) send notice (the "Lift Stay Notice") to counsel to the Oversight Board and the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("AAFAF") to advise them of Movants' intent to seek relief from the Title III Stay at least fifteen (15) business days prior to filing a motion seeking such relief (the "Lift Stay Notice Period") and (b) meet and confer with the Commonwealth during the Lift Stay Notice Period;

**WHEREAS**, on August 30, 2017, Movants sent their Lift Stay Notice to the Oversight Board and AAFAF seeking to lift the Title III Stay to pursue claims for litigation expenses and attorneys' fees under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education* Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq. in

The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board"), as the Debtors' representative pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"), has authorized the Department of Justice to file this Stipulation on behalf of the Commonwealth.

connection with the case captioned *Cano-Angeles et al. v. Department of Education of Puerto Rico*, Civil Case No. 16-1638 (BJM) (D.P.R.) (the "Prepetition Action"); and

**WHEREAS**, during the Lift Stay Notice Period, the Commonwealth and Movants met and conferred and have resolved Movants' request for relief from the Title III Stay.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED**, by and among the Commonwealth and Movants, through their counsel, each of whom represent and warrant they possess the requisite authority to bind the respective parties hereto, as follows:

- 1. The Title III Stay is hereby modified solely to the limited extent necessary to allow the Prepetition Action to proceed to judgment to determine the amount of attorneys' fees owed to Movants and allow Movants to enforce against the Commonwealth any judgment entered by the District Court to collect such attorneys' fees; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, the Title III Stay shall continue to apply in all other respects to the Prepetition Action.
- 2. Nothing contained in this Stipulation shall operate as a waiver or modification of the Title III Stay so as to permit the prosecution against the Commonwealth or any of the other Title III Debtors of any claim or claims by anyone other than Movants as provided for herein and the Commonwealth reserves all rights, defenses, and protections with respect to any matters pending or that may arise in the Title III Case, including the treatment of any claim arising from the Prepetition Action under a plan of adjustment or otherwise in the Title III Case.
- 3. The Commonwealth and Movants represent and warrant that they are properly and fully empowered to enter into and execute this Stipulation, that they know of no contractual commitment or legal limitation of, impediment to, or prohibition against their entry into this Stipulation, and that the Stipulation is legal, valid, and binding upon them.
- 4. Neither this Stipulation, nor the settlement provided for herein, nor any statement made, action, or position taken, or document prepared or executed in connection with the

negotiation, execution, or implementation of this Stipulation shall be deemed to be, or construed as, (a) an admission by any party of any liability, wrongdoing, act, or matter or that any claim or defense has or lacks merit; (b) a waiver of the Commonwealth's rights to dispute, contest, setoff, or recoup any claim, including any claims asserted by Movants in the Prepetition Action, or assert any related rights, claims, or defenses and all such rights are reserved; or (c) an approval or assumption of any agreement or contract between the parties under Bankruptcy Code section 365.

- 5. Nothing in this Stipulation shall be deemed or construed as (a) creating or conferring any right upon any persons or entities (other than Movants as expressly provided in this Stipulation) or (b) evidence of any willingness or obligation on the Commonwealth's part to consent to any other or future modifications of or relief from the Title III Stay with respect to any persons or entities.
- 6. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement by and between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all prior understandings or agreements, if any, are merged into this Stipulation.
- 7. This Stipulation shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Puerto Rico. For purposes of construing this Stipulation, neither of the parties shall be deemed to have been the drafter of the Stipulation.
- 8. Electronic copies of signatures on this Stipulation are acceptable, and an electronic copy of a signature on this Stipulation is deemed an original. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but when taken together constitute one and the same document.
- 9. This Stipulation may not be modified other than by a signed writing executed by the parties hereto.

- 10. The District Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear any matters or disputes arising from or relating to this Stipulation.
- 11. This Stipulation shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon approval by the District Court.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** and in agreement herewith, by and through their counsel, the parties have executed and delivered this Stipulation as of the date first set forth above.

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Secretary of Justice

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SO ORDERED, this \_\_ day of October, 2017

HONORABLE LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE